MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) 72. (newly registered 48; converted 24).

(*b*) 5350.

(*c*) Rs. 97,119.

Collection of Medical fees.

349. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number and names of hospitals where the collection of medical fees (payable by people having an income of Rs. 50 and above per mensem) was enforced:

(*b*) the number who paid the fees and the amount collected in that behalf:

(*c*) the total number of patients (both inpatients and outpatients) who sought the aid of those hospitals till 30th of Edavom 1116: and

(*d*) the total amount of expenditure the Government had to incur in maintaining those hospitals till the 30th of Edavom in 1116?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) The payment system was introduced in the following seven hospitals:—

1. General Hospital, Trivandrum.
2. Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum.
3. Fort Hospital, Trivandrum.
4. District Hospital, Quilon.
5. Victoria Hospital, Quilon.
6. District Hospital, Kottayam.
7. District Hospital, Alleppey.

(*b*) The number of persons who paid the fees—7315. The amount collected from the 1st Vrischigom to the end of Idavom 1116 amounts to Rs. 2,701 and chuckrams 7 only.

(*c*) Total attendance for the above period is 335078.

(*d*) The expenditure for the period is Rs. 1,97,409-26-5. This does not include the cost of medicines, medical and surgical appliances etc., which is very difficult to be worked out for such a short period.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: In the face of the facts and the advantage conferred by the scheme for the practice of corruption, may I know whether the honourable member is not of the opinion that the scheme should be abolished?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Government propose to extend the scheme.

Industrial Loans.

350. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount disbursed as industrial loans in 1115 and till 30th Edavom in 1116?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: 1115. Nil.

1116. Rs. 4575.

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